

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

1324 Longworth House Office Building

November 8, 2023

10:00 a.m.

AGENDA

Full Committee Markup on:

- **H.R. 1121 (Rep. Duncan)**, “*Protecting American Energy Production Act*”;
- **H.R. 4385 (Rep. Neguse)**, “*Drought Preparedness Act*”;
- **H.R. 6008 (Rep. Graves of Louisiana)**, “*Requiring Integrity in Conservation Efforts Act*” or as the “*R.I.C.E.’s Whale Act*”; and
- **H.J. Res. 96 (Rep. Westerman)**, “*Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2023.*”

LIST OF ITEMS FOR THE RECORD:

Ranking Member Grijalva (D-AZ)

1. Report: Air pollution is linked to higher cancer rates among black or impoverished communities in Louisiana. Published January 15, 2022
<https://iopscience.iop.org/article/10.1088/1748-9326/ac4360/pdf>

Rep. James Moylan (R-Guam)

2. Federated States of Micronesia Prison Inmate Population Data.
3. Guam Department of Education Student Enrollment Statistics.
4. Guam Persons Detained Demographics.

Rep. Garret Graves (R-LA)

5. Outer Continental Shelf Governor’s Coalition Letter to NOAA expressing disapproval for the National Marine Fisheries Service Proposed Critical Habitat Designation for Rice’s whale. Letter dated October 5, 2023
6. DOE Report Economic and Natl Security Impacts under a Hydraulic Fracturing Ban Jan 2021.
<https://www.energy.gov/fecm/articles/economic-and-national-security-impacts-under-hydraulic-fracturing-ban>

Rep. Aumua Amata Radewagen (R-American Samoa)

7. Statement for the record on H.J. Res. 96, “*Compact of Free Association Amendments Act of 2023*”

Rep. Jared Huffman (D-CA)

8. Global Alliance for Managing Ocean Noise Quieting Workshop Report “Practical Approaches For Reducing Ocean Noise Associated With Seismic Exploration” 2023.
https://www.globalallianceoceannoise.org/files/ugd/62d341_dfc5fc6518ba4ce8b7a801f798c231ed.pdf

9. Report: Best Available Technology (BAT) and Best Environmental Practice (BEP) for Mitigating Three Noise Sources: Shipping, Seismic Airgun Surveys, and Pile Driving.
https://www.cms.int/sites/default/files/publication/noise_mitigation_complete.pdf

Rep. Theresa Leger Fernandez (D-NM)

10. Report: “*Modeling protected species distributions and habitats to inform siting and management of pioneering ocean industries: A case study for Gulf of Mexico aquaculture.*” Published: September 30, 2022
<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0267333>
11. Report: “*Critically endangered Rice’s whales (Balaenoptera ricei) selectively feed on high-quality prey in the Gulf of Mexico.*” Published: June 26, 2023.
<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41598-023-33905-6>
12. Report: “*Acoustic localization, validation, and characterization of Rice’s whale calls.*” The Journal of the Acoustical Society of America. Published June 2022.
<https://doi.org/10.1121/10.0011677>
13. Report: “*Rice’s whales in the northwestern Gulf of Mexico: call variation and occurrence beyond the known core habitat.*” Published July 28, 2022.
<https://www.int-res.com/articles/esr2022/48/n048p155.pdf>

Rep. Katie Porter (D-CA)

14. NMFS ESA Section 7 Biological Opinion on the Federally Regulated Oil and Gas Program Activities in the Gulf of Mexico. March 13, 2020.
https://repository.library.noaa.gov/view/noaa/23738/noaa_23738_DS1.pdf
15. Record of Decision for Gulf of Mexico Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Lease Sale 261.
https://www.boem.gov/sites/default/files/documents/oil-gas-energy/leasing/GOM%20LS%20261%20ROD_508.pdf
16. Federal Register Notice: Endangered Fish and Wildlife; Final Rule To Implement Speed Restrictions to Reduce the Threat of Ship Collisions With North Atlantic Right Whales. RIN 0648-AS36. October 10, 2008.
<https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2008-10-10/pdf/E8-24177.pdf>
17. NOAA Report: “*Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Final Programmatic Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan and Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement.*” February 2016.
<https://repository.library.noaa.gov/view/noaa/18084>
18. Open letter from Marine Scientists. Oct. 2022
<https://www.neaq.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Scientist-statement.-GoM-whale.-Oct.-2022.pdf>
19. Report: “*Spatial distribution and dive behavior of Gulf of Mexico Bryde’s whales: potential risk of vessel strikes and fisheries interactions.*” Published: June 27, 2017.
<https://www.int-res.com/articles/esr2017/32/n032p533.pdf>

20. “*Spatial Analysis of Ship-Strike Risk for Rice's Whale in the Gulf*” By Benjamin D. Best, Ph.D.
Published: August 20, 2023.

21. NOAA Technical Memorandum NMFS-SEFSC-692 – “*Status Review of Bryde's Whales (Balaenoptera Edeni) in the Gulf of Mexico under the Endangered Species Act.*”
https://repository.library.noaa.gov/view/noaa/14180/noaa_14180_DS1.pdf